

Integrated Framework for the Development of Agricultural Statistics in Uganda

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This paper discusses the integrated 'Framework for the Development of Agricultural Statistics in Uganda' which is being implemented in a Wider Framework for the Development of the National Statistical System. It mentions that the Framework constitutes a policy and strategy document for agricultural statistics providing a long-term development plan towards a sustainable statistics system, as well as a master plan for the implementation of the data collection activities on agriculture. Further, it is mentioned that agricultural statistics production is being approached from a holistic manner. Mention is also made of the status of the Framework operationalization through the implementation of the 'Support to Strengthen Agricultural Statistics Project' (SSASP) which is funded under a three-year grant of US\$1.8m, from the Royal Norwegian Government.

The following have been done: an Agricultural Module was piggy-backed onto the Population and Housing Census (PHC) 2002 to provide appropriate sampling frames for future agricultural censuses and surveys; a Pilot Census of Agriculture was conducted in ten districts ahead of a planned Uganda Census of Agriculture and Livestock slated for 2004/5. Effective from the first agricultural season of 2004 a pilot Permanent Agricultural Statistics System (PASS) is being conducted in five districts. It is also worth-noting that efforts to rebuild the National Agricultural Statistical System (NASS) will have to address needs to define and measure sustainable agriculture indicators with emphasis on rural development. In addition, issues on economic sustainability indicators such as profits from agricultural products and environmental sustainability indicators such as use and protection of forests, water, and other natural resources will be borne in mind.